



# THE PILOT



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WHEN A FELLOW NEEDS A FRIEND—Photographer Jan Buffkin caught this woe-be gone look as she spotted this fellow waiting for a kind word.

## Schools Will Open Later When DST Starts Jan. 6

### Council To Meet Thursday

A special meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. for a hearing on two zoning changes and other matters. On the agenda are the following: Public hearing as advertised on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include "upholstery shops" as a permitted use in Neighborhood Shopping District.

Public hearing as advertised on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map to include in Office and Professional District the area along N.W. Broad St. between Rhode Island and Delaware Aves., to a depth of 200 feet.

Discussion of the report from the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources on the sewage treatment plant. Consideration to offer for tobacco allotment on town owned property. (Dofferymyre property. (Continued on Page 12-A)



RESCUED—Two persons were rescued from a house on Bennett Street by Southern Pines firemen after they were overcome by smoke from a fire which firemen believed started from a cigarette dropped in a chair. Robert McDonald is shown being placed on a stretcher. He was carried to Moore Memorial Hospital and later transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. His sister, Mrs. Lillian Blue, was taken to Moore Memorial for treatment.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

When Daylight Saving Time goes into effect on January 6 the Moore County schools will open a half hour later than now in order to save fuel and to avoid as much as possible children waiting for buses in the dark.

Approval of the change was made last Thursday at a meeting of the Board of Education, which also adopted priorities in construction projects to be started during the coming year.

The new schedule for opening will start with Monday, Jan. 7, when schools will open at 8:30 a.m.

They now open at various times from 8 to 8:20 a.m., which if followed under Daylight Saving Time would mean children would be arriving at the school a full hour earlier than they do now.

Supt. R.E. Lee said that this would mean more lights would be used as well as more fuel would be used for heating buildings at the coldest part of the day.

Lee said that the half hour change would not critically affect the schools fuel supply. "It looks like we will be all right for this year," Lee said. One of the reasons is that the school administration started storing heating oil in a large tank at the administrative offices and also bought a fuel truck which can be used to transfer oil from one school to another.

Lee said that the DST-dictated time change came after school officials consulted with industry leaders and others. Industry in Moore will not change its starting times for morning shifts. In many cases both parents work and some 250 school children had been taken to the schools on or before 7 a.m. There will be some hardships, Lee said, but he felt that this could be dealt with.

Many schools in the State are (Continued on Page 12-A)

## Moore Has High Rank in State In Property Tax Collections

Moore County has drawn a commendation from Harland E. Boyles, secretary of the Local Government Commission, for its high ranking in the collection of ad valorem taxes as of last June 30.

Moore ranked near the top in the State with 96.09 percent collected, and with only \$97,221 uncollected as of that date.

Mrs. Estelle Wicker, county finance officer, said she was well pleased with Moore County's showing.

The county is low, however, in the amount of tax money invested so as to draw interest, with 66.38 percent of the funds in investments. This, however, is an increase over the 50.02 percent which was invested the previous year.

Mrs. Wicker explained that one of the reasons other counties may have a higher percentage of their funds invested in interest-drawing accounts is because of bond issue money they have on hand. Moore does not have any

bond money at this time. She pointed out that all of the federal revenue sharing funds are drawing interest at this time.

Mrs. Wicker said that from invested tax funds in 1972-73 Moore County received in interest a total of \$51,325.

According to Boyles report, most of the municipalities in Moore also have a high ranking in the collection of taxes. Among those in the top state ranking is Southern Pines, with a 97.06 percent collection rate, and with only \$12,334 uncollected as of June 30. Southern Pines also has a high percentage—82.39 percent—of its funds drawing interest. This is an increase over the 67.72 percent of the previous year.

Other towns in the top rank were: Robbins, with 98.26 percent of taxes collected and only \$1,462 owed, and 78.15 percent of its funds invested in interest—(Continued on Page 12-A)

## Sales Tax on Increase In November for Moore

Sales tax collections—one of the best economic indicators known—showed a tremendous jump during November in Moore County.

In a report his week from Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue, the Moore County one percent local option sales tax collected last month amounted to \$81,435.39.

Economic analysts say that the

sales tax is a good measure of the state of the general economy because it represents spending of earnings.

Collections of the one percent tax in neighboring counties during November were as follows:

Hoke, \$16,756.58; Lee, \$73,532.03; Montgomery, \$27,015.17; Randolph, \$99,399.18; Richmond, \$69,092.77.

## Energy Crisis Detailed In Talk to Rotarians

BY NICHOLAS CHALTAS "The population of the U.S. represents 6 percent of the world population but we use 35 percent of the world's energy. Our economic growth, our advanced technology and our high standard of living are all the result of our abundant, low cost energy. But we are reaching the end of this era of cheap, plentiful energy."

These remarks on the subject of the energy crisis were voiced by W.B. Grant, local executive of the Carolina Power and Light Company, at last Friday's luncheon meeting of the Southern Pines Rotary Club held at the Holiday Inn.

Grant buttressed his thesis with solid statistics. "Where does the energy that is used in America come from?" he said. Based on 1970 figures the percentages are: Oil 45 percent, gas 33 percent, Coal 18 percent, Hydropower 3.7 percent and Nuclear 3 percent. Oil, our largest at the moment source, comes from domestic and foreign sources, but about one-third of our petroleum is imported and by 1980 about 50 percent will come from overseas. Grant asked a rhetorical question. "How did we run short so fast?" His answer was that U.S. oil consumption has been increasing (Continued on Page 12-A)

### Near End

One of Southern Pines major public works projects of the past year, an extensive drainage system, is all but complete.

Mildred McDonald, acting town manager, said that all but one block—on Page Street between Maine and Vermont Avenues—has been finished. There was some delay, she said, in obtaining materials, but that she expects the project to be completed within a few days.

## Yarbrough Is Named SCC Dean

Dr. Raymond A. Stone president of Sandhills Community College, has announced the appointment of Charles C. Yarbrough as Dean of Students filling the vacancy created when James C. Halstead was named assistant to the president a month ago. He will assume his duties the first of January.

Yarbrough, a native of Cabarrus County, has had an impressive career in the fields of education, counseling and writing. His background includes an associate degree from Brevard College; a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in divinity from Duke University; and the master's degree in counseling from the University (Continued on Page 12-A)

### Open Dec. 31

The Clerk of Court's office does not follow the same holiday closing hours as the other offices in the Moore County courthouse, and it will be open on Dec. 31 while the others will be closed. Clerk of Court Charles McLeod said that since the Clerk's office is now under the State judiciary that it follows the State schedule for holiday observances.

### Robbery

Sheriff's officers were investigating this week the armed robbery Sunday night of Laverne's No. 3 food store on U.S. 15-501 near Eastwood.

Sheriff C.G. Wimberley said that Jim Stephens was alone in the store at the time when a colored male wearing a stocking mask and a toboggan came in with a shotgun and demanded money. The cash register was emptied of about \$190 and the man fled. Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but no arrests have been made.

The robber was described as about 6 feet, one inch tall, weighing 180 pounds and was wearing blue denims at the time.

## Bost Elected to Term On ASC Committee Here

John W. Bost, a well known Moore County farmer, was elected for a three year term to the Moore County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee by the delegates in the county convention held December 13, at the Moore County ASCS Office.

The delegates also elected T. L. Blue, Jr. and John A. Smith as first and second alternates to the committee. The delegates are composed of the chairman, vice-chairman and regular member of the newly elected community committee members from each community in the county. There is also a first and second alternate (Continued on Page 12-A)

## 50 Persons Could Die In Two-Holiday Period

The N.C. State Motor Club has estimated that 50 persons could lose their lives in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods.

"That is a lot of deaths," motor club president Thomas B. Watkins said, "but it represents a decrease from last year because both holiday periods are longer this year."

A total of 49 persons died last year during the two holidays, both of which were counted during 78-hour spans. This year each holiday's death toll will be counted during 102-hour periods. The official Christmas weekend runs from 6 p.m. Friday, December 21, until midnight December 25. New Year's runs from 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, until midnight (Continued on Page 12-A)

## Tax Law Changes Will Benefit Many Persons in Moore County

Moore County taxpayers this week were urged by Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker, tax supervisor, to familiarize themselves with changes made by the 1973 state legislature in regulations concerning taxation of real estate and personal property.

Some changes offer opportunities for tax savings, while others must be complied with in order to avoid penalties, she explained. One of these concerns taxation of farmland under the new "present use value." Formerly taxes on farmland were based upon the true market value of the land—which often meant its high value for urban or industrial

development. The new law is designed to reduce taxes in cases where the market value exceeds its value in actual use. To qualify for special

assessment, land must be classified as agricultural, horticultural or forest land.

Furthermore, the land must (Continued on Page 12-A)

## Welfare Funds Run Out; Board to Ask for More

The Social Services Board of Moore County meeting last week voted to go before the county commissioners at their first meeting in January to seek further funds to meet needs arising in the change-over of the General Assistance program on Jan. 1.

Funds for only six months had been budgeted in anticipation of the changeover to complete federal funding of most pro-

grams under Social Security. However, Mrs. Walter B. Cole, director of the Moore department, said there would be many cases of hardship because of an expected six months lapse period in approval by Social Security.

Some persons may be turned down by the review board and will be coming back to the county department for assistance, she said.

The new general assistance program "will have us spending \$51,000 of the \$74,000 appropriated for the domiciliary residents in rest homes at the present time. This will leave only \$13,000 for (Continued on Page 12-A)

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## Station To Remain Open Here

The State Utilities Commission turned down the request of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad to dispose of the Southern Pines station, but permitted disposal of stations at Vass, Cameron, Hoffman, Pittsboro and Colon. In a ruling released this week the Commission also authorized the railroad to put into effect its mobile agency concept for freight shipments, effective within 30 days.

The date of Jan. 4 was given as the deadline for the filing of exceptions to the ruling, with the effective date of Jan. 9 should there be no acceptable except- (Continued on Page 12-A)

## THE PILOT LIGHT

ERVIN—Sam Ervin had kept 'em guessing, and only one candidate had announced that he was going to run regardless of what the Senator did. But even then people were not so sure that Henry Hall Wilson would stay in the race if Sam Ervin had announced he wanted another term.

Now, as Bob Scott said, the barn door is open, and the field of candidates might be a large one.

Ervin's decision not to seek reelection was not altogether a surprising one. Last year when B. Everett Jordan, also in his 70s, was defeated in the Democratic primary by Nick Galifianakis, with age an important factor in the results, Ervin had revealed himself to close associates as

being concerned about age playing a part in the election.

When he decided to retire at the end of his term in 1974 he gave age as a reason for retiring, plus the desire to end up his years in his beloved Morganton.

It was not a fear of defeat, because there doesn't appear to be much doubt but that if Sam Ervin had wanted another term in the U.S. Senate the voters of North Carolina would have given it to him.

CANDIDATES—Now the Democratic primary in May could be a crowded one for the seat held by Ervin. Wilson has been steadily gaining ground in his campaign, and everybody knew that Bob Morgan wanted to be a Senator more than he (Continued on Page 12-A)



FIVE INJURED—Five persons were hurt Sunday morning when two cars collided at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Henly Street. Police reported that a car driven by Sylvester Covington of Raeford, Rt. 1, ran through a stop sign and was hit in the side by a car driven by James Willie Mason of 795 West New Hampshire Avenue. The Mason car then spun around and hit a utility pole. Members of the Rescue Squad carried Evelyn Covington, James Covington, John Woodbury, Oredia Woodbury and Tony Woodbury, who sustained a broken leg, to Moore Memorial Hospital. Covington was charged by police with failure to yield the right of way.—(Photo by Glenn M. Sides)